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(b) whether it is a fact that the by-laws framed by the sub-committee for prescribing and providing standard weights, scales and measures and preventing the use of any others, and recommending at the same time the appointment of a special officer to look after the work are still kept in abeyance for a very long time by the Chairman of the Coimbatore Municipality instead of placing the same before the full council for approval though the members of the sub-committee requested him to place the matter before the full council?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“In this case also, will the Government be pleased to call for the information.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“They have no objection to do so.”

Local Self-Government.

133-A Q.—Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether he has since verified the statement made by him on the 28th November during the debate on the “No Confidence” motion that the hon. Member for Chittoor, Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddy, did apply to him for a nomination to a membership of the District Board of Chittoor;

(2) in view of the emphatic repudiation of the hon. Member that he did not seek the intercession of the hon. the Chief Minister to get any appointment of any kind, whether the hon. Member desired his help to get any particular appointments, and, if so, which; and

(3) if the answer to the above two clauses be in the affirmative, whether he will lay on the table of the House any records in his possession substantiating his statements?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The hon. Member has written to me asking me to appoint him as a member of the Chittoor District Board. He has also written to me in connexion with two other appointments, namely, the Presidentship of the Legislative Council and the Vice-Chancellorship of the Madras University.

(3) I am averse to laying private letters on the table of the House, but I shall be compelled to do so in this case if the hon. Member does not admit that the statement made by him on the occasion referred to in the question was contrary to the fact.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“May I rise to a point of order, Sir? If you will kindly turn to Standing Order No. 28, you will find that it runs thus:

‘A question may be asked for the purpose of obtaining information on a matter of public concern within the special cognizance of the Member to whom it is addressed.’

“On the same matter there is another Standing Order which runs thus:

‘30 (1). A question addressed to a member of the Government must relate to the public affairs with which he is officially connected or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible.’

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(3) in how many cases the above punishments were totally cancelled (a) in the case of Brahman officers and (b) in the case of non-Brahman officers?

	Brahman Sub-Registrars.	Non-Brahman Sub-Registrars.
A—(1) Total number in the department ...	353	290
(a) Fine	23	9
(b) Stoppage of annual increments—		
(i) for 6 months and less	17	17
(ii) for 12 months	30	14
(c) Suspension—		
(i) for 3 months and less	10	2
(ii) for more than 3 months but less than 6 months	8	4
(iii) for more than 6 months but less than 12 months	9	Nil
(iv) for more than 12 months	4	Nil
(d) Dismissals	6	3
Removals from service	2	5

(2) (a) 42, (b) 18.

(3) (a) 5, (b) 4.

Mr. JANAB MUHAMMAD YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—“ May I know, Sir, whether Muhammadans are included in the term ‘ Non-Brahman ’ ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ I shall supply the information to the hon. Member later on.”

Filling up of clerical vacancies in the Registration department.

119 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state whether it is a fact that since the assumption of charge by the present Inspector-General of Registration, the majority of temporary vacancies in clerkships are not filled up with a view to show savings, in spite of the fact that such a procedure is causing a good deal of hardship to the other clerks on account of their having to work during non-office hours and on holidays?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Petty repairs in the Registration department.

120 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the present Inspector-General of Registration grudges the sanction of sufficient allotment for petty repairs to buildings and furniture and that in consequence the condition of the buildings and furniture in the case of a large number of offices is far from satisfactory?

A.—The answer is in the negative.